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**Corporate Governance in the U.S.:
A Brief History and Present Standards**

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Room 303, 3/F KK Leung Building, University of Hong Kong

A brief look at the ever-evolving nature of corporate governance in the United States from 1776 to 2007, focusing on the shifting roles of the CEO, Board of Directors, and Shareholders as well as the shifting purposes of corporate governance.

Lawrence C. Foster first started to learn Chinese in the mid-1960s and his first trip to Asia (Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong) was in 1968. Since then, he has made countless trips to Asia. His education includes a Ph.D. in Chinese language and literature (1974) and a law degree (1981). Larry's professional career began as a professor of Chinese language and literature. After obtaining his law degree, he worked as a lawyer in Hawaii for 6 years before joining the University of Hawaii's School of Law as Associate Dean. He later served as Dean of the School of Law and is currently a Professor of Law.

Larry moved to Shanghai in 2005. He still teaches law part-time at the University of Hawaii, but most of the year he lives and works in Shanghai where he is a Senior Consultant at the Zhong Lun law firm, one of the top four Chinese law firms.

In addition to his professional work, Larry is an elected member of the governing council of the Inter-Pacific Bar Association (a regional business lawyers organization with over 1,000 members), President of the international alumni association of the East-West Center, and an active member of Law Asia.

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